

Special Olympics Howard County
5v5 Player Development Basketball
Winter 2025

Hello Special Olympics Howard County Basketball Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers, and Families,

You are registered for the 2025 Special Olympics Howard County 5v5 Player development basketball season.

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Practices are scheduled to start January 11, 2025.

Number of teams = 3 or 4 depending on athlete and unified partner enrollment. Teams will be assigned after the first few practices.

Coaches:

- **Head Coach:**
 - Cole Schnorf CSchnorf@manekin.com
- **Team Coaches**
 - Phil Dennis ptendoc@yahoo.com
 - Andy Diltz adiltz@verizon.net
 - Bryan Gregg bgregg@gmail.com and Cara Gregg clgregg@gmail.com

Coordinators:

- Jen Montgomery jzbalt71@gmail.com
- BJ Evans evansba228@gmail.com

Season Practices and Qualifiers/Competitions:

Our practices will begin **Saturday, January 11, 2025** and will run through late March.

Practice plan: twice weekly practices:

- **Tuesdays, Mount View Middle School 7:30-9:00 pm** *{first Tuesday practice 1/14/25}*
12101 Woodford Dr, Marriottsville, MD 21104

Exception:

- *No practice on 3/18/2025*

AND

- **Saturdays, Harpers Choice Middle School 10:00 am–12:00 pm** *{first Sat prac 1/11/25}*

5450 Beaverkill Rd, Columbia, MD 21044

Our on-court teams will consist of 5 players: 4 Special Olympic athletes and 1 mentor (unified player) who will compete in full-court basketball.

- TEAMS must attend a minimum of 3 qualifiers (2 multi-county qualifiers and the Required for their level) to be eligible for the State Tournament.
- Athletes must attend 80% of practices to be eligible for SOMD competitions.

Qualifiers (multi-county competitions):

Saturday	2/15/25	12:00 - 4:00 pm	<i>HO 5v5 PDU League Play</i>	Glenelg Country School
Saturday	3/8/25	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	<i>HO 5v5 PDU League Play</i>	Glenelg Country School

Special Olympics MD (SOMD) Required Qualifier:

Sunday	3/16/24	1:00 -5:00 PM	<i>HO 5v5 PDU League Play</i>	Glenelg Country School
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Glenelg Country School:

12793 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

State Games:

- SOMD Competition: 3/29/2025 – 3/30/2025 (Sat/Sun)
 - Day TBD

Attendance and Punctuality:

- On your arrival, please check in with **Jen Montgomery** or the designated parent so we can mark that your athlete is in attendance.
- To get all the teams adequate playing time please arrive on time to practice.
- Parents/Guardians:
 - If you are NOT staying for the duration of the practice, leave your name, athlete's name, and your cell number.
 - **Physically** return to the practice site 15 minutes prior to the end of practice.
 - Make sure your athlete has used the bathroom prior to your departure. Due to limited volunteers, we do not have the staff to escort the athletes to the restrooms.
 - If your athlete has behavior issues, plan to stay during the practice to advise the volunteers/coaches on strategies for success.
- Wear athletic shoes for the safety of the athletes & to protect the court surface.
- If you wear glasses – a sports band or sports glasses is required.
- All bracelets, medical bands and watches must be covered with a sport band. No earrings may be worn during play.
- Bring a water bottle to practice.

Misc:

- If your athlete has a staff assistant accompanying them to the practices, please be sure the staff assistant has the complete information related to basketball practices. If you like, we can add the staff assistant's email to our distribution list.

Protocols:

SOMD Policies:

[Policies | Special Olympics Maryland Howard County \(somdhc.org\)](#)

Team Sports Commitment:

[Special Olympics Howard County Policy \(somdhc.org\)](#)

Transportation/Attendance:

[Special Olympics Howard County Policy](#)

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Please check your email or these other forums to verify if practice is canceled.

- Howard County Special Olympics has updated the [inclement weather policy](#). Please review. Practices could be canceled due to weather or building issues. If school is closed for the day due to weather, then practice is cancelled.
- You can also call the Howard County Special Olympics office at [410-740-0500](tel:410-740-0500) to hear a recorded message if practice is canceled.
- Social Media – The cancellation will be posted on our website www.somdhc.org
- On our Facebook page (Special Olympics md Howard County), [Special Olympics MD Howard County – Home | Facebook](#)
- On our Twitter account [SOMD Howard County \(@SOMDHoCo\) | Twitter](#)

If practice is cancelled due to weather, we will send an email ~90 minutes prior to the start of practice.

We're planning to partner with you for a fun season of play!

JA Montgomery and BJ Evans
5v5 Player Development Basketball Coordinators

R. Cole Schnorf
Head Coach, 5v5 Player Development Basketball

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p.s., We could still use volunteers and unified partners if you know anyone, please let us know. Tasks needed include:

- Mentors/Unified partners, General volunteers, Photographer